

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Thursday, June 26 2008

Chair Paulson called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Bill Zaborowski, Janel Brandtjen, Jim Jeskewitz, Pauline Jaske, and Gilbert Yerke. Kathleen Cummings arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Intake & Support Services Manager Antwayne Robertson, Economic Support Coordinator Luann Page, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares, Outpatient Services Coordinator Gordon Owley, Mental Health Center Administrator Michele Cusatis, Community Support Program (CSP) Supervisor Sue Walker, CSP Supervisor Marcia DeGrothy, Nursing Manager Deanie Orth, and AODA Supervisor Susan Andrews. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Review Correspondence

Paulson advised of a letter from the State to the County regarding the sharing of the emergency management coordinator with Ozaukee County. Ozaukee no longer wants to share this position and the state would prefer each county have their own coordinator as well. We will employ the current coordinator, Bill Stolte, as our solo coordinator.

Paulson noted that information on the Waukesha County picnic, to be held on July 19 at the County Fair, was recently distributed.

Cummings arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Executive Committee Report of 6-16-08

Paulson and Esler advised of the following issues discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Approved various appointments.
- Reviewed 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications.
- Approved the ordinance to establish the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Board. It will consist of 13 members including one County Board Supervisor, Bill Zaborowski.
- Heard a status update on the mass transit audit and reviewed the scope for the upcoming Information Systems network audit.
- Supervisor Wolff will bring forward an ordinance to restrict the scheduling and time allotment for presentations at County Board meetings.

Announcements

Maurer announced that efforts are under way to make counties pay for placements when they place clients there, without violating federal Title 19 rules. He advised of a letter from Clearview Long Term Care & Rehabilitation Facility in Dodge County. They are reorganizing their nursing home into a stand alone non-profit organization so they can take Title 19 but also charge counties for the difference. This will have a financial impact on Waukesha County as we have about 15 clients

there. Maurer said we tend to use this facility quite a bit because of their proximity. Staff will attend an informational meeting at Clearview on July 8 and supervisors are welcome to attend.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Cummings to approve attendance for any committee members wanting to attend the informational meeting at Clearview on July 8. Motion carried 7-0.

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

July 10 (Committee only), and July 24 (combined with the H&HS Board)

Educational Presentation on the Intake and Support Services Division

Robertson and Page were present to educate committee members on the Intake & Support Services Division as outlined in their handouts. According to the adopted 2008 County budget, there are a total of 26.30 FTE positions and a budget of \$3,223,544. The division's mission is to serve individuals and families of Waukesha County by providing quality and professional services at the initial point of contact. Collaboration and coordination with departments, community professionals, and volunteers are essential to delivery of quality services. Individuals and families are encouraged to utilize their strengths toward independence and self-sufficiency. Work is conducted in an atmosphere of respect, compassion, and confidentiality. Robertson explained the definitions of abuse and reviewed 2007 child abuse/neglect data. In 2007, there were a total of 721 child abuse/neglect investigations involving 976 children. Over each of the last ten years, the caseload has risen. In 2007, the division, overall, handled 10,200 cases.

The division consists of three service areas: Access, Shared Services, and Economic Support. Access serves as the primary initial contact point for most non-clinical referrals. Assessments are provided in the area of child and adult protection services, out-of-home placement requests, parent/teen family conflict, disability funding requests, and information and referral services. Shared Services offers Crisis Respite Child Day Care, Child Care Certification, Kinship Care, Home and Financial Management Services, Crisis Intervention, and Volunteer Services and Transportation. Economic Support Services determines eligibility and administers the major federal and state-funded financial aid programs for low income families and persons. Several programs are operated in cooperation with the Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program which is administered in Waukesha County by a private organization under contract with the State. These programs provide BadgerCare Plus, Foodshare, Medicaid, and Child Care.

Educational Presentation on Inpatient and Outpatient Services for AODA / Mental Health

DeMares introduced supervisory staff and explained inpatient and outpatient services for AODA and other mental health services. The 2008 budget is about \$17.5 million and there are 99.30 FTE employees. The mission of the Clinical Services Division is to provide comprehensive mental health and alcohol and other drug service delivery system consistent with State Statute Chapter 51 requirements and applicable state and federal certification regulations. The service delivery system, by design, provides for the protection and safety of individuals and their families who are in need of specialized clinical interventions resulting from an identified mental health need of involvement with alcohol or other drugs.

DeMares explained the various service areas under the Clinical Services Division. The Mental Health Outpatient Clinic provides services to Waukesha County residents of all ages who are

suffering from emotional disturbance, behavior difficulties, and severe and persistent mental illness. The Children's Mental Health Outreach Service is a sub-unit dedicated to the treatment of children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbance and their families. The Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse component of the outpatient clinic provides outpatient services to Waukesha County citizens consisting of education and evaluation services, individual and group therapy, and other specific targeted AODA services. The Community Support Program provides strength-based treatment, rehabilitation, outreach and support services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The Day Treatment and Residential Services Unit provides three primary programs: Comprehensive Community Services is for individuals with mental or substance abuse disorders; Residential Care Services provides targeted case management and long term care services for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness; and Day Treatment is an adult mental health day treatment program. Inpatient Services is a 28-bed adult psychiatric hospital which provides assessment, intervention, diagnosis, and treatment for individuals with acute and chronic mental illnesses requiring brief intervention, restabilization, or other acute psychiatric services. The primary reason for admission to the hospital is dangerousness to self or others. In 2007, there were 1,125 Mental Health Center admissions.

Brandtjen left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Tour of the Mental Health Center

Health & Human Services staff led the committee on a tour of the Mental Health Center.

Future Agenda Items

- Review of the Non-Profit Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic (Brandtjen)
- W-2 Presentation at Workforce Development Center (Esler)

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Jeskewitz to adjourn at 4:23 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved on:_____

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary